



PSNA Press
The Newsletter of the Poet's Square
Neighborhood Association

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Next Meeting - April 13th

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2005 Elections

It was a tense night when no one raised their hand to volunteer so I, Karyn Zoldan, and Deborah Stryker (in absentia) nominated ourselves to be co-chairs. We live side by side, talk over the fence, and are good friends and neighbors. We each bring different skills to the table and look forward to a bright and productive year.

Timothy McClaughry remains the secretary and Jean Granillo continues as our treasurer. An enthusiastic newcomer, Meredith Lipscomb volunteered to give the newsletter a professional design. Heidi Harley, who is teaching at Harvard for six months, graciously remains web designer. Check us out at www.psna.us.

Please mark these PSNA meeting dates on your calendar for 2005: April 13, July 13, October 19, and January 25, 2006.

Neighborhood Watch

What is Neighborhood Watch?

This is simply a program of neighbors watching other neighbors' property during vacations, workdays, evenings, or during any absence. The purpose is to create an alert neighborhood by using simple crime prevention methods. There are several advantages: Neighbors know each other, know what type of car everyone drives, and are notified when each other is away. Your neighbors may be the first to notice a burglar on your property or a strange car in your driveway.

Join us at the next PSNA meeting on April 13th if you are interested in starting a Neighborhood Watch on your block or if you want to get involved in an existing Watch group. Officer Rebecca Noel, our Ward 5 Tucson Police Department Officer, will be sharing more information about this program.

Your Neighborhood News

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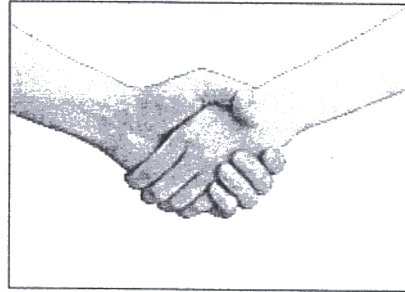
http://www.ci.tucson.az.us/police/Crime_Prevention/crime_prevention.html to learn more about organizing your block's Neighborhood Watch.

I recently organized our block, Poe Street between Belvedere and Catalina, and will share my experiences at our next meeting. Although it did take a bit of my time—as anything does—it was also a great experience getting to know Officer Noel and my neighbors better.

Stay safe and peace,

Deborah Stryker

881-4864



Building Poet's Square One Block at a Time

2005 Goals

The board met after the last meeting and determined our goals to be:

1 - Build PSNA membership to at least 10 percent of Poet's Square residents-- which is about 50 households.

2 - Show the neighborhood the value of joining the Poets Square Neighborhood Assn.

3 - Get input how to spend our limited funds so that we may all benefit.

4 - Build our neighborhood block-by-block by harnessing the talents of our volunteer block captains.

5 - Create a welcome packet for new neighbors and personally meet-and-greet them. (Block captains are key to this endeavor.)

6 - Long-range goals include improving the Midway Wash. Misty Shafiqullah is meeting with Alexis Hover from Fred Ronstadt's office to determine which big-ticket grants to pursue.

We welcome your input and ideas. Please share your concerns and comments. If you'd like more information on becoming a block captain, our proposed plans for the wash, or any of our other plans, please contact us or check out our website at www.psna.us. Thank you.

Karyn Zoldan

318-1222

Got Graffiti?

Call the graffiti removal hotline at 624-7833. Ask about the graffiti abatement program and graffiti removal permission form. Don't encourage graffiti in the neighborhood by leaving your trash cans out on the curb indefinitely.

Do we have an association opinion about Wal-Mart?

At our last PSNA meeting, a representative from the Midtown Coalition came to request our solidarity against the proposed Wal-Mart at the NW corner of Broadway and Rosemont. She presented her case and a PSNA member asked those present to take a vote.

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Rather than vote we decided to table the motion until more community members could be heard on the subject and we had time to look into both sides of the issue. Here are a few things to consider:

Does PSNA, as a group, want to write a letter to City Council in support against Wal-Mart? Or would we rather not get involved and/or write individual letters for or against Wal-Mart?

At our next meeting on April 13, a pro Wal-Mart and anti-Wal-Mart representative from the Rosemont West Neighborhood Association will present their sides. Then, we will decide to vote collectively or not.

Please come to our next meeting and tell us what you think about this issue.

A Message from Misty...

1 - The traffic committee will be meeting again soon. Contact me if you want to get involved.

2 - Karyn and I submitted an application to win \$750 (on behalf of PSNA) that will be awarded at the PRO Neighborhoods *Fiesta de los Barrios* on Saturday May 7, at Catalina High School, 3645 E. Pima St., between 6-9 p.m. It's a fun event for the whole family. I would like PSNA to raise some funds by participating in a food booth. Calling all cooks with fiesta experience. What's easy to prepare and will attract crowds? Let's brainstorm. Volunteers wanted.

Misty Shafiqullah
444 - 5552



Yes or No?



Fiesta de los Barrios

A Celebration of Neighborhood Successes

*Saturday, May 7th, 2005
from 6-9 pm*

Be a Block Captain

Our association covers a large area and contains about 500 households. It would be nearly impossible for one or two people to go through the whole area to welcome new neighbors and hand out flyers for special events. However, with several block captains at work the whole area could be covered easily. The added benefit is that you will get to know more of your neighbors. At the last meeting seven people graciously volunteered to be block captains. They are: Paul Ahee, Peter Giunta, Jean Granillo, Timothy McClaughry, Catherine Mexal, Alan Nitray, and Hawaii Radke. This is a wonderful start for a networking system. Still, there are many blocks which aren't covered. Please consider being a block captain. Ask a neighbor to join you. Thank you.

Jean Granillo
325-4520

Join PSNA today! Support your neighborhood association.

PSNA costs only \$5/year, mere pennies a day. We are governed by the City of Tucson's Department of Neighborhood Resources. Anyone can come to the meetings, meet their neighbors, and present problems as well as solutions, but only members may officially vote. Mail your check, payable to PSNA, to:
Poet's Square Neighborhood Association, P.O. Box 12445, Tucson, AZ 85732-2445 or please pay when you attend the next meeting.



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